

# The Barra

Weekly Newsletter of St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, Glenbrook  
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
19th & 20th February 2022

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

## FR JOE'S MUSINGS

I say to you "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you". These words from today's Gospel appear very difficult and seem to express an idealism that may feel impossible for most of us to live out in practice. To love our enemies is so contrary to human nature. How can anyone live like that?

I think one of the key messages in today's Gospel is that we are being called to a new way of living, of behaving and of responding to our daily human encounters. We are being told that our response to those who wrong us will not just depend on ourselves alone, but on grace that comes from God.

It seems to me that this Gospel passage also contains the recipe for how we can put Christ's teaching into practice: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge and you will not be judged, do not condemn and you will not be condemned, forgive and you will be forgiven".

It turns out that the severity of God's judgement of each of us depends on how we judge others! Jesus invites us to respond to the world as He did – by loving, blessing, and praying. The golden rule is often expressed as do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

In Australia, we often see the word "love" as a hurdle. To us it is an emotional word implying affection and intimacy. But Jesus is not telling us to be in love with our enemies, or even to like them. The type of love Jesus is referring to is known by the Greek word "agape". It can be translated as an attitude of positive regard towards others by which we wish for their well-being. This is in fact the love that God has for us that continues unabated no matter whether we return that love or not.

To love as God loves is to focus more on other people than on ourselves. Be a channel for God's love to others, not just those we like but also to those whom we might think of as our enemies.

During this week, we might ask for God's grace to help us love others rather than judge them. Remember that, when it comes to judgement, what you give is what you get!

*Peter McMahon*

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Baptisms: By Appointment

Weddings: By Appointment

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Mrs Robyn Clarke

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## SUNDAY RITE OF WELCOME

The Parish joyfully welcomes Carter Sykes & Jack Devrell into

our Faith Community. They are going to be Baptised at our Parish next weekend. May God bless them both.



*WELCOME all visitors to our church today. We extend our greetings to you. If you wish to join St Finbar's Parish, please make yourself known to one of our Wardens so we can give you our Parish Welcome Pack. Our Parish lies within the Traditional Country of the Darug people – The Aboriginal Custodians of our area.*

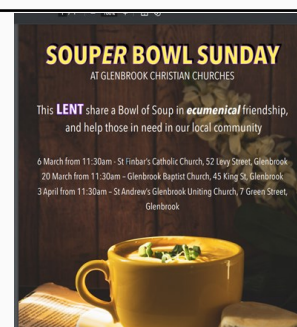
# PARISH CALENDAR

# ST. FINBAR'S PARISH NEWS

<b>Sunday</b> <b>20th February</b> <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C <b>6.00pm Youth Mass</b> 7.00pm Senior Youth Group P/C
<b>Monday</b> <b>21st February</b>	<b>No Mass. Office is closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>22nd February</b> <i>The Chair of St. Peter</i>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 5.30pm Cantabile Choir Practice 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting P/C 7.30pm March Baptism Preparation Meeting M/R
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>23rd February</b> <i>St Polycarp</i>	<b>9.15am Mass followed by Rosary</b> 9.30am Playgroup P/C 7.00pm Bridge Club P/C
<b>Thursday</b> <b>24th February</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 1.30pm Bridge Club P/C 7.30pm Blue Mountains Dance Group P/C 7.30pm Naomi's Group Choir Practice/ Church
<b>Friday</b> <b>25th February</b>	<b>9.15am Opening School Mass</b> 1.00pm Bowlers 7.30pm Adoration
<b>Saturday</b> <b>26th February</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b> 11.30am Te Deum's Choir Practice 4.30pm Confessions <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass</b> <b>Live Streaming Link</b> <a href="https://youtu.be/IFjm7DrARpQ">https://youtu.be/IFjm7DrARpQ</a>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>27th February</b> <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</i>	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> 10.30am Annual Parish Gathering P/C <b>10.45am Baptisms</b>

## Souper Bowl Sunday

Volunteers are needed to help prepare, cook and serve on Sunday 6th of March after the 9.30am Mass. If you can help please contact the parish office on 47426958. We will need a lot of soup on the day as we are hosting the Baptist and the Uniting Church parishioners. Thank you. Juliana Khnouf



## BLUE MOUNTAINS CATHOLICS TAKE ACTION WORKSHOPS

- Hear the Cry
  - Cultural Connectedness
  - The Gospels in Action
  - Music in Action
  - Community Wellbeing
- Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1pm – 4pm  
**Venue:** St Thomas Aquinas Springwood  
**Reg closes 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**  
**Email:** <https://tinyurl.com/BMDGoT>

## Eternal Light Singers

*Are looking for singers and musicians to join their bereavement singing group. Please contact Dawn Willis on 0419564323*

## HOLY WEEK PASSOVER MEAL

The parish will be following in Jesus's footsteps this year by celebrating a Passover meal in the parish hall at 6.30pm on **Tuesday 12th April**. Due to COVID, numbers will be capped at 100. Please contact the parish office to book your name.

## SACRAMENTS INFORMATION EVENING.

An Information Night for the parents of children who wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2021 will be held at the Parish Hall on Monday the 7th of March at 7.30pm. Dates and requirements for participation in each of the Sacramental journeys will be discussed and distributed at this meeting. Children need not attend.

## NEW JUNIOR MASS SERVERS

The parish is trying to bolster the number of Junior Servers who are prepared to assist Fr Joe at weekend Masses. They need to have received their First Holy Communion and will need to be prepared to go on a roster once a month. If your children are interested, please contact the parish office with the children's names, your name, and the Mass they will be likely to attend.



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## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare.

Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin, 0403305431 or Marisa, 0412280017

### **MARRIED MENTOR COUPLES:**

Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm**

**Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1 Marion St Blacktown**

To book your attendance or to ask further questions please email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa 0412280017.

### **Positions Vacant:**

- Project Officer – Parramatta Young Christian Workers
- Graduate Accountant – Diocesan Development Fund, Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### **World Meeting of Families: 22 – 26 June 2022**

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally in Parishes and/or Deaneries and explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness". Stay tuned for exciting opportunities to participate with the Diocese of Parramatta in 2022

### **Caritas Project Compassion 2022 starts next Sunday**

Caritas Australia's Lenten *Project Compassion* campaign will start on Project Compassion Sunday (27 February) and lead us all the way towards Easter. This year's theme **For All Future Generations** comes from the biblical story of the great flood (Genesis 9:12-15). It reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Find out more at [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or contact our Diocesan Director of Caritas: [Sebastian.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org](mailto:Sebastian.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org) or 0409 399 505.

### **SUPPORTIVE HEARTS BEREAVEMENT GROUP:**

This group, formally known as the "Bereavement Support Group", meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from February to November. It's currently run online via Zoom. The group is open to men and women whose spouses /partners have died.

If you've experienced the death of your spouse/partner and would like to be supported in your grief, while connecting with others in similar circumstances, please contact Rita at Catholic Care Solo Parent Services for more information.

Please call Ph: 8843 2500 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

**Registration essential / Zoom gatherings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, from 10am - 12pm. Please see flyer on notice board for more information.**

### **STEPPING BEYOND: MONTHLY SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED**

Catholic Care Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Group, supports those navigating their way through separation or divorce. Guided by trained facilitators, you'll have the opportunity to explore the challenges faced during this time in a safe and supportive environment. This group is held on the last Tuesday of each month via Zoom. **1<sup>st</sup> Gathering for the year: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Held online via Zoom. Time: 7pm - 9pm.**

**Registration Essential:** Please contact Rita Ph. 8843 2500 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au) for more information and registration. See Flyer on Parish Notice Board for more details.

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Molly Hurley (Marie Hurley's sister), Reg Moore, Don Crameri, Ray Cremin (Pearse Cremin's Brother), John Okalebo (Susan Dowling's father), Frances Lynch (Daniel Lynch Grandmother), Joe Lopez, Anthony Crimston, Patricia Borland (Mary Lopez's sister) and Shirley Williams.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Sybil Mason, Chris Paine, Margaret Stevens, Lyn Beltran, Margaret Christensen, Joan Paine, Mark Bates, Lyn Downes, Ellen Moffitt, Terry Stevens, Jacqui Visser, Joanne Macrae, Sophie Hollies, Pam Clyne, Catherine Kirk (Cameron), Maddison Farrugia, Colleen Nolan and Harrison Aggar (Margaret & Ian Dickson's Grandson).

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Ian Graham, Terry Groves, Robin Miles, Robert Dominish, Gregory McGee, William Pohlmann, Wendy Harley, Simon Egan, Virginia Windred, Mel Nethery, Sarah Watson, Irene Wiecek, Vincent Basile, John Venn, Zdenka Polak and Eva Lynch.

## LITURGICAL ROSTER FOR 26TH & 27TH FEBRUARY 2022

Liturgical Ministries	5.30pm	7.30 am	9.30 am
Sacristan	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Senior Server	Ahyiesha D'Souza	Peter McMahon	Stephen Brown
Junior Server	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please
Warden	Huia Kingi	Kevin Goener	Gary Clune
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Beth Culliver	Leanne Brown	Patricia Murnane
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eileen Jones	Margaret Dickson	Irene Aligno
Intercession	Volunteers Please	Kevin Flynn	Carmel Higgins
Music	Te Deum	N/A	Holy Light
IT Operators	Robyn Flynn	Pat Watson	Joanne Stubbs
Gifts	Margaret Moore & Jan de Bie	Ann & Ray Keating	The Young Family
Communion	Vince Dobson	Brian Grech	Elizabeth Rowe
Cashiers	Joe Grange		
Piety Stall	Ann Marie King		
Church Care	Veronica Clune, Fran Isaksen, Lynne Atkinson, Elizabeth Brazier & St. Finbar's Playgroup		
Hospitality	Please note that there will not be any Sunday Hospitality until further notice.		
Garden Club	Tony Doyle, Helen Keogh & Kevin Goener		



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